

COMMENT OF THE DAY

In Perspective

At a time when both British political parties are dangling the bait of "peace" before an apathetic electorate, it is as well that a senior minister has the good sense to remind the public that the forthcoming Big Four talks should not be regarded as the infallible panacea for all the problems which have divided the world for the last ten years.

Mr Macmillan's warning is realistic and sensible if for no other reason than it puts both parties' "peace" pledges in proper perspective. The Tories' own "Peace of Eden" was undoubtedly devised to forestall and dilute a possible repetition of Opposition charges of warmongering (couched last time in the snide question "Whose finger on the trigger"). The Tory catchery is no more plausible for that reason. The reality of the situation still requires emphasis—possibly even more so in view of Labour's attempt to emulate their opponents as peace-makers in the present campaign.

RUSSIA gives daily evidence that the latest spate of Kremlin propaganda is undiluted "double talk" which is capable of different interpretations even in Moscow. Thus when they call for Austria to be neutralised on Swiss lines they do not really mean that at all.

Austria like Switzerland should be free of any alliances, they believe, but Austria, unlike Switzerland, should not have strong armed forces to defend its neutrality. This is the only conclusion that can be drawn from the recent Pravda denunciation of "enemies of Austria's independence" who feel their country should be allowed to raise somewhat larger, (but still modest) armed forces than those specified in the treaty.

Ostensibly the Russians have made important concessions in their new disarmament plan. In fact, not only have they merely accepted a provision demanded by the Allies at the Disarmament sub-committee meetings held last year but they still insist on the abandonment of NATO and the withdrawal of all foreign (and therefore American) troops from Europe. In their stead, the Russians offer the "all-European security system" controlled and directed by Moscow.

ON German unity, the Russians are guilty of flagrant equivocation. When they say the Austrian settlement should be an example to freedom-loving Germans, they are speaking of the method of negotiation rather than the actual settlement achieved. The German leaders, like the Austrian leaders, should go to Moscow for unity and democracy, Russia says.

But then they suddenly make an alarming distinction between the two countries. No mention is made of giving Germany freedom and independence on Austrian lines. In fact, Herr Ulbricht, dictator of East Germany, makes it quite clear that "freedom for the people means depriving of their pre-dominance those industrial and banking magnates in Western Germany who have combined with American finance capital and sold the interests of the German nation." These facts should not be hidden from the British public. Neither should the public be beguiled by glib promises of peace when all the prospects point to a new era of Soviet vacillation and procrastination. What Mr Macmillan told Britain was that they must not expect an early end to the Cold War. Both parties should have been honest enough to admit that from the start.

NEW BID TO AVERT RAIL STRIKE

Labour Minister Calls Talks Today DOCKERS STILL OUT

London, May 25. Senior officials of the British Transport Commission and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen will meet the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, today in a bid to avert the rail strike called by the union for midnight on Saturday.

But a Trades Union official said last night a solution to the dispute was not in sight. The ASLEF has lodged a claim for higher wages to maintain the differential between the highly skilled workers and the unskilled and less highly skilled workers in the rival National Union of Railwaymen.

If the strike materialises, it will stop four out of five trains, endanger supplies of food and raw materials, upset millions of holidaymakers' plans for the Whitsun week-end and give the Government elected in this week's General Election a major headache.

Meanwhile the dock strike, which has slowed down ex-

TITO'S PEACE HOPES

Belgrade, May 24. President Tito of Yugoslavia said today "for the first time in ten years, the sky looks brighter and hope has returned that peace may be preserved." Belgrade Radio said.

He told more than 30 delegations who came to congratulate him on his 63rd birthday tomorrow that "mankind has begun to feel that an international agreement may be possible."

President Voroshilov of the Soviet Union sent the following telegram to Marshal Tito tonight: "Please accept sincere congratulations on the occasion of your birthday and best wishes for your health and for fruitful activity in your work for the happiness of the Yugoslav peoples and in the cause of peace."—Reuters.

TITO'S ASSURANCE

President Tito told the French Ambassador, M. Francis Coulet that Yugoslavia would refuse all neutrality, either for herself or for any other country, particularly Germany, diplomatic circles said in Belgrade today.

In his interview with the Ambassador, which took place yesterday, President Tito assured M. Coulet that the talks between Yugoslavia and top Soviet leaders, who are due to arrive in Belgrade on Thursday, would take place in complete openness, and that the French Government would be kept informed, the same circles stated. Meanwhile, the assurance given today by American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, that American military aid to Yugoslavia will not be cut, is felt in Belgrade to strengthen the hand of those who will be responsible for carrying on the conversations with the Soviet Premier, Marshal Bulganin, and the First Secretary of the Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev.—France-Press.

Allegedly Murdered In Prison Cell

London, May 24. A 31-year-old Jamaican, who died following an attack at the Brixton Prison Hospital earlier this month, had been murdered by a fellow prisoner, a coroner's jury decided here today. The murdered man, Sefton Ronald King, was said to have arrived in England about 1950. A prison officer, Mr Frank Woodward, told the inquest that a prisoner called Perrott walked into King's cell on May 7 while the doors were being unlocked for "slopping out" to be done. The officer said he followed to enter the cell but it was barricaded and he could not force the door more than about two inches. "I could just see through the small opening. King was on the floor and Perrott was attacking him," Mr Woodward added. King was being hit continuously on the head with a piece of a chair.

New Envoy To Peking



Mr C.D.W. O'Neill, head of the Foreign Office News Department, has been appointed Charge d'Affaires at Peking. This picture is taken at his desk at home in London. He leaves towards the end of June to take up his new appointment.—London Express Photo.

'Stop Meddling With Austrian Affairs' Order To Red Army

Vienna, May 24. Mr Ivan D. Ilyichov, the Soviet High Commissioner in Vienna, has ordered Russian commanders not to meddle in Austrian affairs in future, Herr Julius Raab, the Chancellor, told his cabinet today.

Herr Raab said Mr Ilyichov had told him this in a private conversation recently.

Although the Western Allies stopped all intervention in Austrian internal affairs in their zones five or six years ago, Soviet occupation authorities maintained constant interference.

The Austrian constitution gives all refugees reaching Austria the right to claim political asylum, but the Russians insisted that any refugees from Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary or Bulgaria reaching their zone must be handed over to them. They were then handed back to the countries from which they had escaped.

The Russians also ordered the Austrian police to apply the Austrian law to foreigners in the Soviet zone who had Russian "Propaganda" (permits). They could enter Austria, live where they liked without registering and disobey Austrian police regulations with impunity.

NEWSPAPERS BARRED

A whole series of newspapers, including all non-Communist German illustrated papers and a number of Austrian papers were banned in the Soviet zone.

During recent municipal and provincial elections, candidates of the rightwing League of Independents were not allowed to hold election meetings and their election posters were torn down by order of the Russian commanders.

Mow Released

Mexico City, May 24. Pang-lu Mow, Chinese general accused of robbing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government of US\$3,388,503.46, was freed today at the successful conclusion of his three-year fight against extradition to Formosa. Mow regained his liberty when Mexico refused to extradite him to Formosa to face charges of embezzlement while an aircraft procurement officer in Washington.—United Press.

CONSERVATIVE PLEDGE TO HELP LANCASHIRE

But No Retaliation Against Hongkong

Manchester, May 24. Sir Anthony Eden said tonight the Lancashire cotton industry was facing "serious problems." Many of these problems would require for their solution far more than an appropriate government policy, he said.

The Prime Minister thought the cotton trade was making great efforts to solve its own problem—making new products, finding new markets, installing new machinery and producing new designs.

He pledged that the Conservative Party was determined "to give the industry all the help it can to face the new conditions in the world."

After stressing that the cotton industry must have "freedom to move and adapt itself to the challenge of the present day," the Prime Minister said "in recent months the increased imports from India and Hongkong have caused anxiety."

"The Government will understand the gravity of this problem which until recently was further complicated by a prohibitive tariff on our exports to India and at one time by a quota as well."

Recent British Government measures at home would be of "some help," he said, "while re-

Election Latest:

ELECTRONIC 'BRAINS' TO PREDICT VOTE

London, May 25. Britain called on electronic "brains" for the first time to help compute the May 26 election vote.

The British Broadcasting Company is using a machine developed by English Electric, to keep listeners posted on results, and will try to forecast the final result.

By calculating "swings" towards Tory or Labour in each constituency and comparing them with 1951 figures, its operators hope to know who wins, well ahead of schedule.

The Conservative Party, meanwhile, installed a mammoth mechanical "brain" which will do the work of 198 secretaries, tabulating results. It cost £4,000 and the Tories say: "It may put us ahead of anyone else in analysing results."—United Press.

Premier's Message To Party

London, May 25. The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, said today the result of Britain's General Election tomorrow could decide the future of the world for a generation. In a message to Conservatives, he said good intentions would not win the election. Only votes could do that. "You know what is at stake: the future of this country and maybe of the world for a generation."—Reuters.

LABOUR WIN FORECAST

London, May 24. Long-term cynics at Dartmoor, Britain's toughest prison on the Devonshire moors, have already held a "General Election" poll of their own—and decided that Labour will win by between 20 and 30 seats. So confident are they of the accuracy of their forecast that the "tobacco barons" among (Continued next column)



KAGANOVICH

New Post In Soviet Government

Moscow, May 24. Mr Lazar Kaganovich, a Soviet first Deputy Premier and veteran economic organiser, was today given sweeping powers believed to be designed to raise output throughout Soviet industry, with higher wages only for harder work.

Tass, the official news agency, announced the establishment of a special government committee on questions of labour and wages to be headed by Mr Kaganovich. The announcement said the Committee had been set up "to strengthen state control over the work of Ministries and Directorates" and to improve "their work in all questions of labour and wages."

Mr Kaganovich, a 61-year-old Jew, was one of Stalin's ablest organisers and was once expected to be his successor. He has a reputation for ruthless efficiency which he used to reorganise Russia's railway system in the 1930s with a thoroughness that gave the lie to German prophecies that it would break down under the stress of war.

He also served as pre-war Commissar for Heavy Industry, building Moscow into a centre of the nation's industry and building the underground railway in the capital. He became a deputy Premier in 1938.—Reuters.

Leaves For Peking.

Djakarta, May 25. Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo left by special plane today for Peking for discussions on the Formosa dispute with Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.—United Press.

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Queen Of The Air



London, May 22. This picture of a glamorous air hostess flashing a £2,000 diamond ring may have pleased large numbers of the British public, but one man did not look at it with approval. That man was champion runner, Gordon Pirie, who read with considerable annoyance that this hostess had been allowed to bring the ring, won as first prize in the "Queen of the Air" competition at Johannesburg, through the customs duty free.

Pirie recently received a prize for a race in Germany a camera valued at £5. The customs men asked him for £4 duty. Pirie refused to pay for his prize so the customs men kept the camera.

"AWARD OF MERIT" Sports columnists are asking if the girl was allowed to get her ring through duty free because it was an "award of merit" what then was Pirie's victory? Indeed, should not an amateur sportsman or woman be more entitled to bring through free a modest prize won on the field of battle than a beauty queen's fabulous award. Sportsmen are hoping the stir this has caused will not only mean Pirie gets his camera back without having to pay duty, but that all sportsmen will in future be able to bring in prizes won abroad without being asked to pay duty on them or alternately have them confiscated. — China Mail Special. Reuterphoto.

Labour Would Press Far East Affairs ELECTION PROMISE

London, May 24. Mr Clement Attlee, the Labour Party leader, said at Walthamstow tonight he believed the Korean war might never have happened if "other people had recognised the Chinese Communist Government as Britain did."

Addressing an election meeting in his own constituency here, Mr Attlee said Labour would press more vigorously with affairs in the Far East than had the Conservative Government.

"The Labour Government in relation to its action in India, Pakistan and elsewhere has a very high prestige among the peoples of Asia," he said.

Stressing the importance of raising living standards in less developed parts of the world, Mr Attlee regretted the Conservative Government in its support for the United Nations in dealing with this matter "was far behind 20 other countries who are not so well to do as Britain."

"We are failing to give a lead in what is one of the great problems of the world," Mr Attlee added. — Reuter.

Mysterious Tracks In Snow

Geneva, May 24. M. Raymond Lambert, Swiss mountaineer now on an expedition in the Himalayas, has reported, in a letter home, seeing mysterious tracks which might belong to an "abominable snowman" of sherpa legends.

Writing on May 4 from a camp at 5,200 metres (about 16,000 feet) beside the Langtang glacier, in central Nepal, M. Lambert said: "This morning I found strange tracks which the sherpas had not seen before. Perhaps they belonged to an abominable snowman, and I found a spider at 5,200 metres. Otherwise, nothing moving, nothing alive—only ice, rocks and snow. My health is excellent and not suffering from the altitude."

On previous expeditions to the Himalayas, M. Lambert has seen queer tracks, and believed it possible that some hitherto unknown creature lives in the remote Himalayan snows. — China Mail Special.

Ottawa, May 24. Russia had abandoned the "shock tactics of aggressive revolution" for the "gradual approach," the External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, said today. "Sometimes a change in tactics can lead to a change in strategy, and if we can exploit a change such as this so much the better," he told the Commons External Affairs Committee.

Mr Pearson gave the Committee a general review of the world situation and a report on recent North Atlantic Council meetings in Paris.

CONCRETE EVIDENCE The sudden proposal by Russia to grant Austria a peace treaty on "even better terms than we in the West had been willing to offer is concrete evidence of the change in tactics," he said.

Spokesmen for the NATO countries discussed the new Russian look at length in the Paris conference. A number of reasons for the change were suggested, "but none of us could assess the relative importance of each reason."

The growing effectiveness of Western unity, economic difficulties at home, the threat of a hydrogen war—all were factors, he said.

"And finally, and maybe still of importance, they may hope to put us off our guard," he added.

The way appeared to be open now to bring up and discuss with the Soviet bloc specific problems and to reach settlements, he said.

"But it is going to be a long-drawn-out process. If public opinion now feels that there can be a few meetings and then all will be peace, there is going to be disappointment and disillusion," he said.

But he pointed to the Austrian peace treaty as a hopeful sign that Russian strategy and overall policies might be changed in the long run. The effect of the treaty on "the forces of freedom behind the Iron Curtain" might well lead to a necessary reappraisal by Russia of its strategy.

In the Far East, he said, the tense situation in the Formosa Strait was still dangerous, but "things seem to be settling down a little bit."

"A kind of de facto ceasefire seems to be growing up there," he added.

On the whole, he said, the truce in Indo-China had worked out although there had been disappointments and frustrations.

SMOLDERING DISPUTE Until the smoldering dispute between Israel and the Arab States is settled, nobody can feel sure about peace in the Middle East. Mr. Pearson told the group the Bandung conference of Asian and African nations had been useful.



LESTER PEARSON

"It has had some very good results," he told the Committee. "Some of the things that were said by Asians and Africans about communism would have been discounted if they had been said by Americans or Englishmen, or the French. But you couldn't discount them coming from the Asians themselves."

The fact, he said, that not even China stood up at Bandung to defend Soviet Russia when some delegates charged that international communism was imperialist in nature, might have helped in bringing about the new Russian tactics in Europe. — United Press.

ANOTHER ISRAELI PROTEST

Jerusalem, May 24. An Israeli spokesman said today his Government had asked the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission to convene in emergency session to consider a complaint against Egypt concerning an alleged incident at Givat Rachel yesterday.

Israel charged that one of their trucks was dragged across the border into Egyptian territory.

The spokesman Maj. Dan Gov' said the truck, in which there were two settlers, was travelling well within Israeli territory when it broke down, necessitating repairs. Later the truck was found inside Egyptian territory according to Gov', while the settlers, returning in another truck, were ambushed. — United Press.

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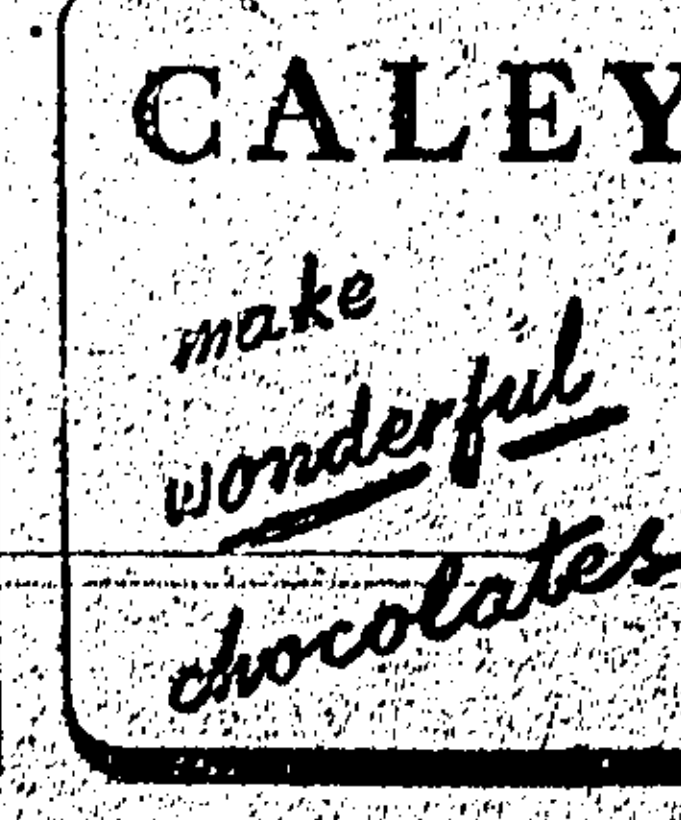
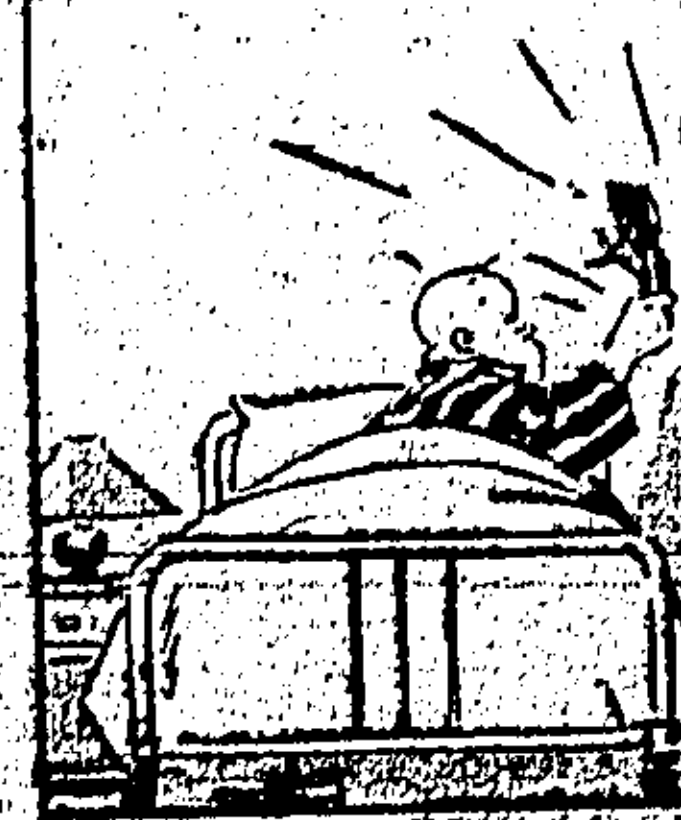
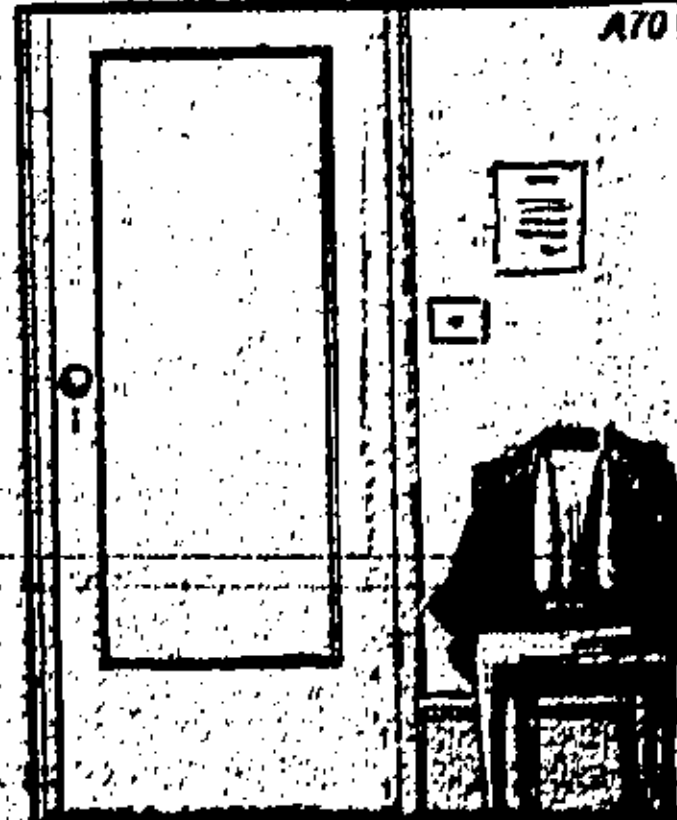
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Syria Tipped Not To Sign Pact

Beirut, May 24. The former Iraqi Premier, Mr Tewfik Sweid, predicted today that Syria will not sign a proposed tripartite pact with Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

He said the pact would be directed against Iraq and would thus divide the Arab States. Iraq would be the only state to benefit, he added.

Mr Sweid, who arrived here yesterday from Damascus, said "I am ready to guarantee that unity between Syria and Iraq will be achieved."

He expressed the opinion that if such a tripartite pact were concluded it would fail "if Syria continues its present policy."

Commenting on reports that the Arab League constitution may be amended and an Arab collective security pact created, Mr Sweid said Iraq is ready to consider such amendments "if they are in the interest of all Arabs and on the condition that Egypt and Saudi Arabia give up the idea of a tripartite pact with Syria."

MIGHT DROP PACT
When it was suggested to him that Egypt and Saudi Arabia might drop the pact proposal if Iraq amends the Arab League, Mr Sweid urged Egypt to send some urgent amendments to Iraq.

Referring again to the "unity" between Syria and Iraq, Mr Sweid said "it is certain the Syrian people will work for this aim."

Mr Jamil Madfai, another former Iraqi Premier who arrived here on Sunday on a special mission, said today he plans to meet President Camille Chamoun, Premier Solh and House Speaker Adel Ossseiran to discuss "my mission."—United Press.

Paris, May 24. The Prime Minister, M. Edgar Faure, called Defence and Cabinet meetings today to consider new reinforcements to smash the growing civil warfare in Algeria, but France's allies began to worry they would weaken Western defence in Europe.

M. Faure said in a little-noticed speech two days ago that he intended to send another division to Algeria from Germany, where France's NATO forces help guard the Iron Curtain defence line.

This afternoon he called the National Defence Committee into session and then scheduled a Cabinet meeting for this evening. Informed sources said that North Africa was high on the agenda.

NATO PERMISSION.
Under the strengthened powers of the Supreme Allied Commander, General Alfred M. Gruenther, he must give his permission for even peacetime movements of NATO troops. But officials both at Gen. Gruenther's headquarters and at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation said that France still has made no formal request to move the division from Germany.

Some sources believed that M. Faure's intention of the division in a speech to the local Alpes-Maritimes Federation of the Radical Socialist Party was a trial balloon to feel out Allied reaction.

"The time is no longer when 150,000 Frenchmen could make the law for 4,000,000 natives," M. Faure said. "But at no cost can we let ourselves lose out in the three Departments of Algeria."

"We cannot concede on this point and we will keep Algeria. I intend to send another division there which now is stationed in Germany."

The influential London Times voiced its uneasiness openly this morning at French troubles in North Africa.

The influential Le Monde of Paris answered The Times this afternoon by recalling that the expeditionary corps in Indo-China is slowly being repatriated. And Le Monde added in reference to French desires for more American and British support in North Africa.

"Doubtless the uneasiness of the Anglo-Saxons will appear to certain politicians as an excellent reason to demand of Britain and the United States that the Atlantic alliance is not only a 'one-way street'."

Tonight's Cabinet meeting preceded the departure on Thursday of the Interior Minister, M. Maurice Bourgoin-Maurion on an urgent inspection trip to North Africa. It was announced earlier today that France's top soldier, Marshal Alphonse Juin, would go to Algeria on Sunday for a personal survey of the guerrilla warfare spreading through the territory.

NO OFFICIAL POST
Marshal Juin, who holds no official post in France, is going to the troubled territory at the invitation of ex-servicemen's congresses, but he is expected to discuss strategy with Army and Government representatives in Algeria.

One of France's foremost experts on Moslem Affairs, he gained a reputation as a "strong man" during his four years as Resident-General of Algeria's terrorist-ridden neighbour territory of French Morocco.

Le Monde said tonight that certain quarters in France and North Africa would like to see Marshal Juin invested with a new command to try to stamp out the rebel movement in Algeria.—United Press and Reuter.

Hussein In Iraq

Baghdad, May 24. Piloting a Jordanian Air Force plane, Jordan's King Hussein arrived here today accompanied by Queen Dina. They have come to pay a family visit to King Faisal. From Mosul airport the party motored with their host to his summer resort in North Iraq.—United Press.



Prince Charles Has Fun

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT

Search For \$2m: Two Bills Found

Chicago, May 24. Chinese and United States authorities are tracing two \$100,000 US Treasury bills that may lead to the whereabouts of \$2,000,000 allegedly embezzled by a Chinese general now in a Mexican prison.

The two bills turned up in the hands of Mr William E. Decker, of Chicago, who cashed one of them. The other is held by the Federal Reserve Bank for payment to the "lawful owner." The bank referred further action to the Treasury Department.

Mr Decker said he acquired the bills in the course of business.

The history of the bills goes back to 1951 when a Chinese Nationalist Lieutenant-General, Pan-tai Mow, brought \$2,000,000 in 90-day US Treasury bills. He then fled to Mexico where he is in prison. The short maturity bills are similar to Government bonds.

\$1 MILLION BILL
One of the bills was in a \$1,000,000 denomination, another was for \$500,000 and five for \$100,000.

In 1954 the Nationalist Government was awarded \$1,900,000 worth of the bills when the United States District Court at Washington, D.C., handed down a \$6,368,503 judgment against Mow. The General had used one \$100,000 bill to pay his attorneys.

The Nationalist Government accounted for part of the money handled by Mow but was unable to find the remainder. Treasury bills. The Government subsequently sought Mow for embezzlement.

Mr Decker became involved on March 31 when he presented one of the bills for \$100,000 to a Chicago bank to be cashed. The bill was cleared by the Federal Reserve Bank and the money was deposited to Mr Decker's account. He immediately withdrew \$85,000 in 1,000 bills.

Another \$100,000 bill from Mr Decker was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank for clearance several days later and it was held up.

Serial numbers were circulated on all the Treasury bills involved and an order had been issued prohibiting their redemption.

Chinese Nationalist agents heard of the transactions and the case wound up in Court here where two actions are pending.

Mr Decker insists that he acquired the bills in the regular course of business and that he had no dealings with Mow, or his agents.

His attorney, Mr Irving Goodman, said that the bills were the legal property of Mr Decker and that "David" is the story of a Welsh miner.—China Mail Special.

Today Sir Roger will also receive from Mr J. Ray Bingham, Chairman of the Film Council of America, the golden reel film festival award for the best cultural film released in the United States last year, the B.I.S. film "David."

"Thursday's Children" concerns the teaching of deaf children. "David" is the story of a Welsh miner.—China Mail Special.

Sir Winston Churchill and the Conservatives were charged with never having intended to honour their election promise and with wanting to direct German aggression eastwards. A recent broadcast alleged that it was the Conservative Government which had scrapped the Anglo-Soviet Treaty, and not Moscow.

Sir Anthony Eden has been criticised for having failed to

ADLAI STEVENSON SAYS:

Effective Arms Control Very Core Of Diplomacy

Philadelphia, May 24.

Mr Adlai F. Stevenson said tonight that the United States must place effective arms control "at the very core" of its diplomacy.

The sudden peace moves from Moscow and Peking, he said in an address prepared for delivery before the 64th annual meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, may present an opportunity "to boldly tackle once again this great unfinished business."

"We can no longer rest contentedly on the framework of the old diplomacy and the old strategy of preponderant or balanced power."

RESUME ATTACK

"We must move beyond it. We must resume the attack on the institution of war itself."

Mr Stevenson said that the United States record on disarmament has been a creditable one "but I wonder if we have yet spelled out clearly to the world that we know that mankind has crossed a great divide, that compared with the state of survival, every other interest is minor and every other preoccupation petty."

"On this great issue," he said, "I fear we have too often been perfunctory where we should be passionate, more cynical than zealous, tepid and timid where we should have dedicated our best energies and our highest purposes. And sabre rattling and bellicose speeches have at times distorted and obscured our peaceful purposes."

"Let this phase be done with forever. Let us, instead, place effective arms control at the very core of our diplomacy and at the very heart of our communications with other lands."

The unsuccessful 1952 Presidential candidate said that to "abolish human rivalry and conflict would be a Utopian dream. But to try and make sure that human rivalry and conflict will not abolish us is just not a possibility; it is an imperative necessity."

While there are signs that patience and strength are paying off, he said, "I have no illusions that our search for peace will succeed easily."

"Yet, in all conscience, our great nation has no choice other than to use its day of leadership to work remorselessly for peace—to do it best to make sure that the epoch of American power produces, not the final earthly holocaust, but a world of justice, security and freedom."

"Faith, knowledge and peace—these will be the cornerstones of such a world. And of these, none will avail if peace is lacking. If an atom split in anger turns out to be mankind's last reality."—United Press.

Te Deum Ceremony

In Argentina

Government Refuses To Attend

Buenos Aires, May 24.

Argentine Government officials have called off their participation in the annual May 25 Te Deum—a Catholic thanksgiving service which traditionally commemorates the Argentine revolution against the Spanish empire.

Usually the President, the full Cabinet and chiefs of the armed forces attend the church services marking the occasion.

Church officials have decided to carry on the popular morning service at the Cathedral here in spite of the official attitude and other Te Deums will be held in other churches in Buenos Aires and all provincial cities.

The dispute between Church and State reached a new climax this week with a police allegation that a widespread "conspiracy" of leaflet printing and "rumour mongering" was being unearthed.

WAVE OF ARRESTS
In Buenos Aires, a wave of arrests and police raids is being relentlessly carried out and while most of the people detained have been released subsequently, more than a score are being held.

Recently a German Father, Hans Ares, and a Yugoslav Father, Lino Pescicchia, both of Rosario, were arrested and charged with contempt of the President.

Elsewhere, outrages against images and churches were reported.

In the town of Rio Cuarto, in the Cordoba Province, a crucifix in the rectory of the National Higher School was found smashed to bits on the floor. A few hours later the Cathedral there was crowded for a ceremony of atonement.

In Salta, atonement ceremonies were held after the outer walls of three churches were found smeared with red paint.—Reuter.

JUST KEEP ON TALKING

Bradford, May 24. Mr Harold Macmillan, the Foreign Secretary, declared here today "so long as we can keep talking there will be no war."

Addressing a general election meeting, he added: "After all, no one will risk breaking the peace when all peoples, including the Russians, are really longing for peace."

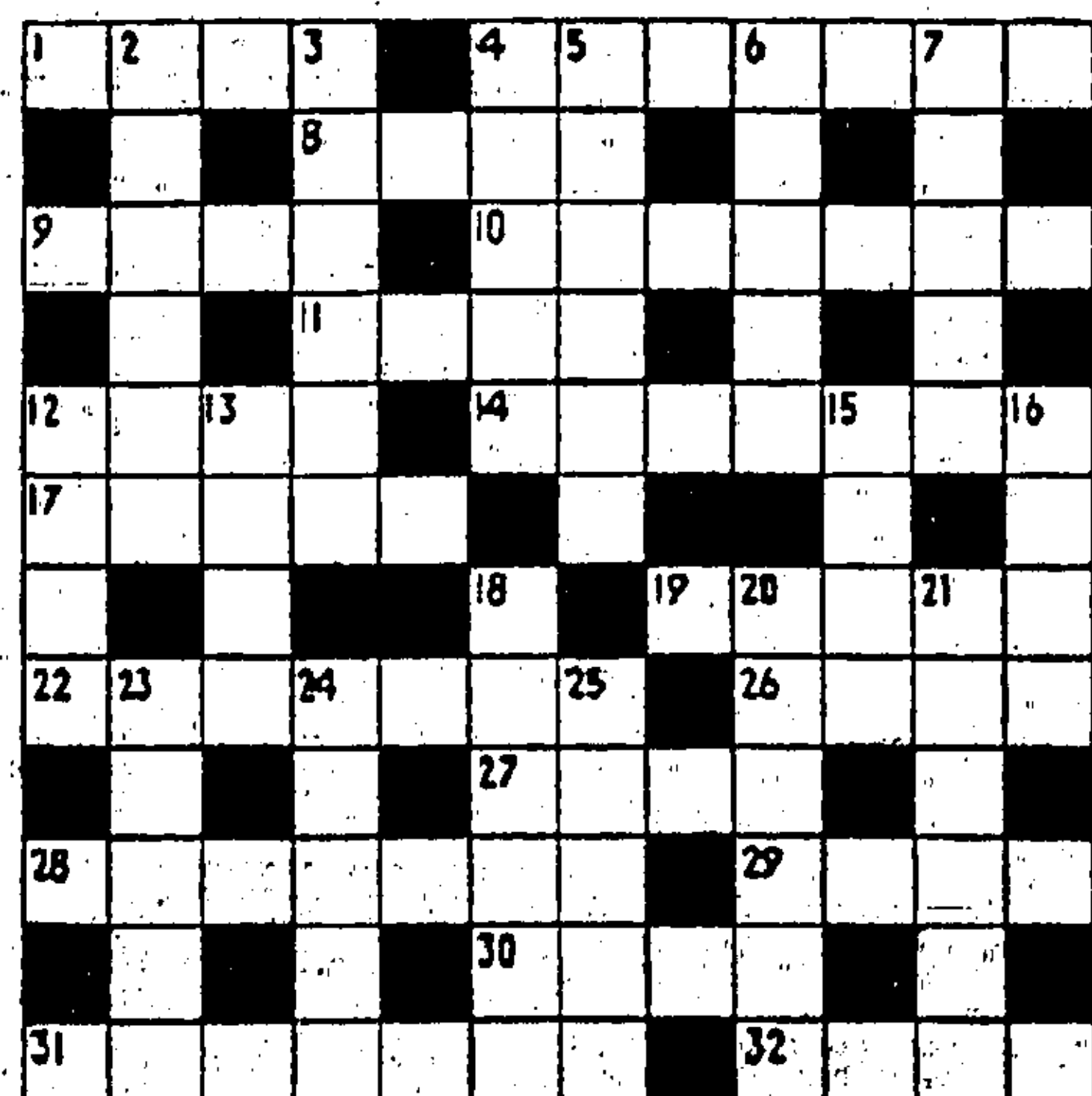
Mr Macmillan denied allegations made by some Labour Party followers that the Conservative Government's policy with Russia was a vote-catching trick for the general election.

"We have prepared the ground for this new peace," he said. "The Western Union has been formed and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has been slowly built up."

"That is the reason why ten days ago we asked for four-power conference."

"It will all take time, but so long as we can keep winning a little ground, we shall be all right."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Worry (4).
 - Flatter (7).
 - Unknown (4).
 - Indian coin (4).
 - Month (7).
 - Meditate (4).
 - Ostentation (4).
 - Came in (7).
 - Wrong (5).
 - Refuge (5).
 - Occupies (7).
 - Loaned (4).
 - Actual (4).
 - Unbeliever (7).
 - Flower (4).
 - Besides (4).
 - Entertains (7).
 - Fit (4).
- DOWN**
- Haphazard (8).
 - Vagrants (6).
 - Got up (5).
 - Respectable (8).
 - Slack (5).
 - Subject (6).
 - Portion (4).
 - Demagogue (4).
 - Talk wildly (4).
 - Mark of a blow (4).
 - Thoroughfare (6).
 - Considerable (8).
 - Motor (6).
 - Boredom (5).
 - Spy (5).
 - Disposes of for money (5).
- YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Schism, 5 Ranch, 8 Totem, 9 Threat, 10 Guard, 11 Ghoul, 12 Laid, 13 Lemon, 18 Gmole, 19 Lesser, 20 Spent, 22 Onus, 23 Slats, 25 Pixie, 28 Legion, 29 Greer, 30 Omens, 31 Severe. Down: 1 Settlers, 2 Horrible, 3 Stag, 4 Mothers, 6 Regular, 6 Amulet, 7 Cargo, 14 Meantime, 15 Nonsense, 16 Ostlers, 17 Nettles, 19 Ensign, 21 Prim, 24 Serp.

King Of Sweden Visits Pottery Exhibition



King Gustave of Sweden who is in London on a short private visit, went to the Exhibition of Modern Swedish Pottery at the Tea Centre. He is pictured here examining a plate during his visit to the Exhibition.—Express Photo.

☆ The strange old man with the kindly eyes... the British Lieutenant whose mother was superstitious. Were they real? Is the story true? Tomorrow you will know the answer.

A QUESTION OF LUCK

DID IT HAPPEN

by Michael Pertwee

WHEN Jim Preston joined my unit in the summer of 1944 as a sort of learner officer he was a fresh-faced lieutenant who looked nearer 19 than his actual age of 29. He was trying desperately to grow a moustache and, after some six weeks of effort, a soft golden down could be detected on very sunny days.

Jim, through no fault of his own, was a bit of a mother's boy. His father had been killed in the 1914-18 war and his mother had never really got over it. The boy was her only link with the man she had loved and she had put what was left of her heart into him from the moment he was born.

He used to talk about his mother rather in the way that the rest of us spoke about our wives or girl friends. He was a little bit ashamed of this and tried to cover up his obvious affection by laughing gently at her idiosyncrasies, one of which was that she was extraordinarily superstitious.



DRAWING BY KOOLMAN

A CHARM

Apparently she spent a large part of her life touching wood, avoiding ladders, burying her nose in tea-cups and hurling salt about the room. She was never without a St Christopher in the car and a sprig of white heather, when obtainable, in her button-hole.

When her husband had set off to the wars in 1915, Mrs Preston had determined to ensure his safety by presenting him with a lucky charm. This was a little gold locket, in the shape of a four-leaved clover, inscribed:

"To darling Tom for Luck."

She hung it round his neck and made him swear never to remove it. Whether he did or not no one ever knew, for he was missing in action a week after leaving her and was never seen again.

All this I learned from Jim Preston when, one day, he

The old man spoke to Preston. "Got something for you. Here, take this for luck. Wouldn't part with it, but had my share. Goodbye, son."

"To darling Jim for Luck," I remember remarking that, with his father's fate as an example, it seemed a curious choice of both talisman and inscription. Preston merely shrugged, his shoulders and grins.

"It gives Mum pleasure and I'm superstitious."

He wasn't then, and neither was I.

WRECKAGE

What followed happened in a little village called Passy-le-Roi, somewhere near Arras, during that extraordinary advance from the Normandy Beachhead to the Brussels and beyond. I had a little Field Security Unit, which had been attached to 21 Army Group Headquarters until the breakout.

Now we were racing eastwards with orders to join up with the

Guards Armoured Division which was leading the spearhead into Belgium. We drove through a countryside littered with the wreckage of the German armies. Sometimes we were even advancing parallel with German troops retreating unhindered on roads a couple of kilometres away.

L'OGRE

It was evening when we got to Passy-le-Roi and, with no signs of the Armoured Division we decided to stay in the village for the night.

I cannot remember why, but as Preston and I climbed out of my jeep, he suddenly realised that the locket round his neck had disappeared. We searched around for it in case it had fallen off as he jumped from the jeep, but decided finally that it must have fallen off en route, for it was nowhere to be seen. He took the loss quite philosophically.

Jim Preston and I decided to billet in one of the tiny houses in the village, which looked as if it had been hit by a shell, although I don't think it had.

It was just collapsing from old age and neglect. A faded, middle-aged peasant woman greeted us with the rather weary friendliness that was noticeable in the liberated areas of north-east France. We gave her some Army ration and she prepared us a meal.

The sight of the bully beef seemed to cheer her up and she became more conversational. She told us that she was barren, that her husband worked in the fields, that he could talk English better than an Englishman and that he was the ugliest man in Passy-le-Roi, known to one and all as "L'ogre."

When, later, he came in we were bound to agree with her description, though not with the claim that he spoke English better than an Englishman, for his diction was so slurred and indistinct that it was sometimes hard to tell what language he was speaking. He was obviously a little weak in the head.

He was a thin little fellow with a twisted body and a pronounced limp. His face was nut-brown and very wrinkled. Despite his ugliness, and the fact that one could not hold any sort of conversation with him, one warmed to him, and we saw the kindest pair of eyes have ever seen—bright blue, like a sailor's, twinkling with sincere good will upon a world which had done its best to break him.

us in the road, where our Jeep had stood, was a gaping hole. The car had literally been blown to pieces.

As I struggled to my feet, something in Jim Preston's open palm glinted in the sun-light. I saw that it was a golden four-leaved clover on a chain. This must have been what the "Ogre" had given him for luck—Jim's own lucky charm which the old man must have found. Well, in an obscure sort of way, it had certainly proved to be lucky.

TO TOM...

I picked it up to put it in my pocket, fearing that it might be lost again. It was certainly Jim's for there was the inscription:

"To darling Tom for Luck."

But I looked again. Tom—yes Tom, not Jim. I stood there, trembling, staring down at the "Ogre's" calm, dead face and twisted body, one arm of which was thrown in a curiously protective gesture round the shoulders of the unconscious Preston, and I heard a voice saying:

"Got something for you. Here, take this—for luck. Wouldn't part with it but had my share. Goodbye—son."

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES **NO**

Put your tick in the space above and keep it until you will determine whether this story is true or not.

NICHOLAS MONSARRAT

Did yesterday's story—All dressed Up and Somewhere to Go, by Peter de Polnay—actually happen? The answer: NO.

EVE OF ELECTION ROUND-UP INFLUENCE OF THE FLOATING VOTERS

By ROBERT MACKENZIE

THE short answer to the question, "who decides the outcome of the election?" is, of course, "the floating voters." But who are they and why do they float?

The social scientists have been busily probing into this and a number of other related subjects since the end of the war. They have produced a whole series of election studies which tell us much more about our own voting behaviour than we have ever known before, although mercifully it is still impossible to predict with certainty the outcome of this election.

Certain patterns of behaviour can now, however, be identified with some degree of accuracy. The most of us are what might be called "habitual voters." Not everyone would go so far as the voter who said when interviewed during the course of the last campaign, "I would vote for a pig if my party put one up."

PARTY IMAGE

The election studies also seem to show that most voters are not much influenced by the specific issues raised by either side in their manifestos and in their campaign oratory.

In the course of the last two campaigns a sample of the electorate were invited to express their approval or disapproval of five propositions formulated by representatives of each party. The propositions were in each case major items of policy which were prominently displayed in the literature of the parties concerned.

It was discovered that in many cases voters actually disapproved of a number of the

major propositions advanced by the party they intended to support. In some instances, indeed, they favoured more of the propositions on the list proposed by the rival party.

The conclusion that appears to emerge is this: most voters carry with them what the experts call a "party image." They have a picture in their minds of what each party stands for and, in particular, whether or not the party is likely to serve the interests of people like themselves.

This image appears in most cases to have been formed of the impressions built up over a great many years. Asked to describe it, some voters may resort to the simplest of slogans: "The Tories are the party of the rich, they didn't do anything about unemployment before the war." The Labour Party believes in nationalisation, forming, ration books and queues.

A SHOCK

It would seem that very little said by the individual candidates or his party in the course of an election campaign is likely to change the party image in the minds of the great majority of electors.

These discoveries about the mental processes of the voter have come as a shock to some ardent democrats. They have been disturbed to discover that the election does not bear much resemblance to a court of law, with the electors sitting as judge and jury, pondering the arguments of the defence and prosecution.

But is there any real ground for disillusionment? Is it necessarily either stupid or wrong-headed largely to ignore the heated arguments during the campaign? Surely it can be argued that the elector is eminently sensible in assessing the record of a party in and out of office over ten, 20 years or more?

Admittedly—and this is perhaps ground for concern—the process of assessment may be dangerously haphazard and frivolous ("Aunt Minnie couldn't get her pension under Labour but the Tories have seen to it").

The election studies have not been able to determine in how

far this is the case, but on the face of it there would appear to be little ground for concern in the fact that the electorate is not deeply moved or even particularly interested in the inevitably overheated arguments that go on in the hothouse atmosphere of the election campaign.

NEW VOTERS

The decline in importance of the individual candidate is another matter. Here the parties themselves and the BBC appear earnestly content to allow only a dozen national figures in each party to make use of the all-powerful media of radio and television. In the United States every candidate without exception has an opportunity to speak to the electors on radio and television in their own communities. This would be more difficult to arrange, granted the present structure of broadcasting in this country.

But certainly if regional broadcasts on a party political basis were permitted, there would not be the slightest difficulty in seeing to it that several hundred candidates of each side were able to be heard or seen in the homes of the electors during the campaign. Such a change would not in itself ensure a revival in importance of the individual candidate, but it would undoubtedly be a step in that direction.

But to return to the question—Who decides? Three categories of voters are of vital importance in attempting to answer this question.

First, there are the new voters, the people who have turned 21 during the last three and a half years and who replace on the electoral roll those adults who have died or left the country during the same period.

On balance it seems clear that Labour is likely to make a gain in what might be called the "cradle and grave" factor. New voters express a preference for Labour in proportions of perhaps 6 to 5, while the voting preferences of those over 65 favour the Conservatives in almost exactly the same ratio.

REAL FLOATERS

The second category are those former Liberal voters who, must choose between Labour and Conservatives in this election because no Liberal candidate is standing in their constituencies. Almost certainly a balance in the Conservatives are likely to benefit in these circumstances, unless the intervention of Lady Megan Lloyd George on behalf of Labour makes a decisive difference.

Liberals who were forced to choose between the two major parties in last year's election, lost 3.2 in favour of the Conservatives.

Finally, there are the real floaters—those voters who will decide in this election to change their allegiance from one party to the other. A detailed study in a Bristol constituency in the 1950 and 51 elections showed that no more than four per cent changed their allegiance (just over three per cent to the Conservatives, fewer than one per cent to Labour).

It was discovered here, as elsewhere, that the floaters are drawn almost equally from all social classes in the community. It is entirely wrong to think of the floaters as being composed primarily as members of the middle class. They are in fact a cross section of the community with an appropriate representation of upper and working classes as well.

It has been discovered, incidentally, that the floaters are not notably more "intellectual" than the habitual voters. Indeed, in the Bristol survey it was revealed that most of them were slightly less interested in the election and paid rather less attention to the issues being debated. It would appear that for some reason, perhaps vague, perhaps specific, their party images had changed. They had apparently decided that on balance they should shift their allegiance.

THE SWING

Nationally the net swing to the Conservatives in 1951 was no more than 1.1 per cent, but with the balance between the parties poised on a knife edge, this, of course, was sufficient to produce a change of government.

Even if the floaters again number no more than four per cent of the population, their change of allegiance will be decisive. A one per cent shift in the popular vote from one party to the other, if it is fairly uniform throughout the country, will result in 18 seats changing hands.

If the swing were to the Conservatives it would increase their majority by 36. If the one per cent swing were to Labour it would give them a majority slightly but not much larger than the one they had after the 1950 election.

Not surprisingly, the parties have been assiduously attempting to discover all they can about the potential floaters and court them, with ardent fervour.

Nathaniel Gubbins

NEVER Know a Floating Vote
Were walking hand in hand.
They wept like anything because
They couldn't understand
The questions put by Gallup
Up and down the land.

"I wish I knew," said Floating Vote,
"The problems of the hour,
And what new Ministers may do
And who will be in power."
But Never Know said, "Spring
is here,
I'd like to smell a flower."

"If seven intellectuals
Discussed for half a year,
Do you suppose," said Floating Vote,
"That we could get it clear?"
"I doubt it much," said Never Know,
"Let's drink a glass of beer."

Never Know and Floating Vote
Walked on a mile or so,
Until they reached a tavern.
That was comfortable, if low,
When both had swallowed half a pint
They had another go.

"The time has come," said Floating Vote,
"To talk of many things.
Of family men and income tax
And who is pulling strings,
Of cost of living's up or down,
Of price and cartel rings."

"We ought to know what's best
For all
And not for just the few,
And why inflation's bad for us,
And what we all should do."
Said Never Know to Floating Vote,
"Do you admire the view?"

"I ask myself," said Floating Vote,
"If Britain should appease
The Russians or Americans
Or chat with the Chinese."
Said Never Know, "I think I'd
Like
Some butter, bread and cheese."

"I weep for you," said Floating Vote,
"That you should be so dumb
When everyone in all the world
Might go to Kingdom Come."
But Never Know was munching hard.
And finished every crumb.
(Respectful acknowledgments to
Lewis Carroll.)

mained in my memory, apart from the regular bumping off of unco-operative comrades, was the destruction of a man described as bourgeois morality.

In other words, a marriage could be dissolved by mutual consent. A comrade and a comrade could appear before a court, declare that they were sick of the sight of each other's faces, and within five minutes they were both free to marry somebody else. Or a comrade could just say he was tired of a comrade, and that was the end of that.

Now, according to Clifton Daniel, New York Times correspondent in Moscow, all this has been altered overnight.

A puzzled comrade who might have married a plain, squat girl from the provinces in the belief that the union could be ended the moment advancing years made his bride plainer and squatter has been informed that the party line has changed. The dummy peasant he married is now his life.

Even worse, as there appears to be no law of libel in Russia, the newspapers denounce him if he is unfaithful to his peasant, particularly if he is a well-known member of the party. His name, address, place of employment, and the name and address of his girl friend are published for all to see, together with a sharp editorial handing them both a clanger for not strictly observing "the norm of Communist ethics" which the head boys in the Kremlin had only thought up the day before.

If this were not enough to break a puzzled comrade's heart and shake his faith in the benevolence of the regime there is the acute housing shortage to make his home life even more miserable.

Not only is the comrade expected to live in one room with his wife and her children, but share it with her mother, a woman he may never have loved at all. Some unblest comrades share a room with all their in-laws and their children. Therefore it is not surprising that many puzzled comrades get plastered before breakfast and go rolling round the town tipping their elbows at taverns and kiosks (where vodka is sold all night) until they stagger back at a single room full of children and angry, dumpy women.

What happens then is anybody's guess, but there seems little doubt that the dumps are often knocked for size.

Otherwise Pravda would not have published another stinging editorial accusing the puzzled, plastered comrades of "drunkenness, boorishness towards women and towards the family, and general hooliganism."

One of these days, if you are good, I shall write for you the terrible story of Fifty-two Lost Week-ends in Moscow, or a year in the life of the Communist dipsomaniac Comrade Ivan Avasther.

Border Line

THE gods, who first make men (and women) mad before they destroy them, were working overtime last week.

According to an evening newspaper column devoted to the goings-on in high places women competing in a bonnet ball at a London hotel wore "ha's topped with eggs, chickens, grapes, straw, and even a live budgie in a cage."

Other women to whom the gods will give no peace were writing to the papers telling readers how they save time.

One eats her breakfast while having a bath, another studies foreign words and measures kitchen weights and measures while she is on the telephone waiting for a long-distance call, and another says:

"I am a housewife doing a part-time job, so my leisure time is limited. While enjoying television I find I can do many jobs, including cleaning silver, grating stale bread into bread crumbs, trimming sprouts, and selling pens."

"Enjoying television" is the key phrase. I hope the people who spend sleepless nights working out how to save time will take notice of this audience reaction.

The gods are also having a lark with the British people. While the Archbishop of York says we must have an H-bomb, and while everybody is spiced details of what will happen if somebody drops one there is a chap worrying about the proper description of dress in the hunting field.

He writes in a magazine: "It is permissible to say that you hunt in pink, but not that you wear a pink coat. You wear a red coat, but you cannot say that you hunt in red. You can also say that you wear a scarlet coat, but the expression 'Hunting in scarlet' is on the border line." Considering the times we live in "border line" is the right expression, pal. If you are in need of a sympathetic medical attention make an appointment with Dr. Gubbins, the phoney Fleet Street psychiatrist.

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THOMAS CUP

TWO MATCHES EACH FOR AMERICA AND INDIA IN FIRST DAY'S PLAY

Singapore, May 24. The United States and India shared honours by winning two games each in the first day's play of the Inter-zone semi-finals of the Thomas Cup badminton tournament, which opened in Singapore tonight.

Players of each country scored a singles and a doubles victory against the other in a keen tussle that brought forth some fine badminton.

Japan May Still Get 1960 Olympic Games

Paris, May 24. Armand Massard of France, Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee, said today he believes that either Lausanne or Rome will get the 1960 Olympics, but that Tokyo still is in the running.

"My personal opinion is that Europe will be given the Summer Games in 1960, since the Olympics are taking place on another hemisphere in 1956 and it is a constant tradition to alternate between Europe and overseas areas," said Massard.

"Of course, no one can say now for sure just what the International Olympic Committee will do when it meets at Paris June 9-20 but my best guess is that the games will be in Rome in 1960."

"At any rate, I think the choice would be on one side between Lausanne and Rome, and on the other side between Tokyo and Detroit."

Seven cities are officially entered with bids to host in 1960: Rome, Tokyo, Brussels, Budapest, Lausanne, Mexico City and Detroit. For the 1960 winter games, the bidders are Garmisch, St. Moritz, Innsbruck and Squaw Valley, California.

Massard indicated that economics will play a part in the choice for 1960. It is expensive to send teams from Europe to Melbourne for 1956, and most European countries

Closing Regatta To Include Rowing At Middle Island

As part of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's closing regatta at Whitsun, there is to be a rowing regatta at Middle Island. This will be followed by a barbecue.

A wide variety of races will be held. There will be open fours, open pairs, novices sculls, ladies' pairs, sailing members' pairs and scratch fours. In order to encourage junior and novices fours, the open fours are not allowed to contain more than one senior oarsman and must contain one novice.

Perhaps the main interest will centre around the novice sculls. This will be the first occasion the new RHKYC sculling boats have been raced, and it will be interesting to see how the four novices fare, particularly in view of the need to find a good candidate for the Far East-Interport regatta in November.

It is unfortunate, with this in view, that it has not proved possible to stage a senior sculling race. However, it is hoped that this will come later. The racing will start at 4 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m. The Umpire will be G. H. Fabian.

Diane Leather Clocks Fastest Mile In London

London, May 24. Miss Diane Leather, 22-year-old British athlete who 12 months ago became the first woman to run a mile in less than five minutes, tonight established a World's best time for the distance when clocking four minutes 50.8 seconds here tonight.

There is no official Women's World record for the mile as the International Amateur Athletic Federation thinks it is too strenuous for a woman to run.—Reuter.



London Express Service

International Tennis Results

Paris, May 24.

The following were results of matches in the International Tennis Championships played here today.

Men's singles—first round—Enrique Motta (Argentina) defeated R. Macy (United States), 9/7, 6/1, 6/3.

Russell Seymour (South Africa) beat R. Bedard (Canada), 7/5, 6/4, 11/8.

Budge Patty (United States) defeated J. Sanglier (France), 6/3, 6/1, 6/2.

S. Schwartz (United States) defeated O. Panajotovic (Yugoslavia), 6/2, 6/4, 6/0.

H. Richardson (United States) beat J. P. Bergerat (France), 6/2, 6/3, 6/4.

Jean Noel Grinda (France) beat R. Huber (Germany), 6/0, 6/1, 6/4.

M. Rose (Australia) beat R. Borghini (Monaco), 6/4, 6/3, 6/4.

Barnard Destremau (France) beat Ernesto Della Puolera (Argentina), 9-7, 6-3, 6-4.

S. Davidson (Sweden) defeated K. Flatz (United States), 6/2, 6/3 and 6/3.—France-Press.

Britain's Amateur Boxing Has Progressed As Much As Athletics

Once upon a time the US "Golden Gloves" team—that is the amateur Champions of all America—used to visit Great Britain and win at will. Joe Louis was once a member of the team, Rocky Marciano another, and right back to the days of Frankie Genaro they were the strongest possible combination. That is all altered now.

Britain's amateur boxing has progressed as much as her Track Athletics and all the current "Golden Gloves" team, visiting these shores, has got to show for their global journey is a 6-4 defeat by Ireland in Dublin and a 5-4 defeat by England at Wembley Empire Pool, London.

What a thriller the Wembley show turned out to be! The result of the match depended on the final round of the final contest and thank goodness Great Britain had the right man for the job—Jacky Red-headed Frank Hope, yet another of Liverpool's prolific astic products who threatens to be as good a middleweight as his predecessor Ron Barton.

Hope was opposed by a burly Negro named Eddie Jenkins from Joe Louis' home town of Detroit. Hope started nervously and lost the first of the three rounds, but he won the second outright, during which he eluded Jenkins with a left hook on the jaw that sent the American reeling to the floor. The crowd was one long roar which, for some reason or other, included several private fights among the spectators at the ringside.

A million-strong television audience was watching. In some of the fiercest and sustained heavy hitting amateur boxing has seen for a long while, Hope rummaged his man and staggered him to the boards again but Jenkins was strong and actually threw the last blow of the fight to Hope's jaw. The Liverpool man won narrowly and he is a

The most thrilling match of the night was between T. N. Seth, India's number two, and America's Singles Champion, Joe Alston, who was driven to defeat point in both sets by his opponent. Alston won after a hard fight in two straight sets, 17/14 and 17/15.

India's Singles Champion, Nandu Natekar, had an easy victory over Dick Mitchell, American runner-up, who could not beat Natekar's fast footwork and the best inside the hall. Mitchell faltered several times with his smashes and net drops to lose the game to Natekar, 7/15, and 13/15.

In the doubles series, Indian runners-up, Gajman Hemmady and Manoj Guha, defeated the American pair Wynn Rogers and Robert Williams, in the shortest match of the night. The Indian pair took both sets 15/4 and 15/8 to win the game in 17 minutes.

The last doubles match of the night was won by America's Carl Loveday and Manuel Armendariz, after a hard fought three set match against Nandu Natekar and Ravindra Dongre, India's Doubles Champions.

The United States and India will figure in a tournament again on Wednesday night in a five-game series which will decide the winners of the Inter-zone semi-finals. The winners of America versus India will meet the victor of Australia versus Denmark in the semi-finals to be played here on Friday and Saturday.—France-Press.

THE RESULTS

Singles: Nandu Natekar (India) beat Dick Mitchell (USA), 15-7, 15-13. T. N. Seth (India) lost to Joe Alston (USA), 14-17, 16-17.

Doubles: Gajman Hemmady and Manoj Guha (India) beat Wynn Rogers and Bob Williams (USA), 15-4, 15-8. Nandu Natekar and Ravindra Dongre (India) lost to Carl Loveday and Manuel Armendariz (USA), 15-10, 13-15, 9-15.

FA Footballers Beat Jamaica 7-0

Kingston, Jamaica, May 24. The English Football Association team touring West Indies beat Jamaica 7-0 here yesterday. They led 4-0 at half-time.—Reuter.

All of them played well enough to get into double figures, but none absolutely mastered the South African bowling.

Close, tried as an opener in place of Hutton, never approached his best Yorkshire form. The best batting came from Graveney and Parks, but both spoiled their efforts by leaving easy catches. For sheer delight, Barrington stood by himself.

In a gem of an innings, he helped himself to six fours while making 27 in 40 minutes.

THEY RULE INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS



Under the presidency of Lord Burghley, the Council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation met in London. Among matters discussed were final arrangements for the Olympic Games, which are to be held in Melbourne, Australia in 1956. Picture shows: (left to right) Dr E. L. Albé, the Argentine delegate; Dan Ferris (USA); M. N. Kalinin (Russia); Mr D. Paim, Honorary Secretary of the Federation; Lord Burghley, President; K. Kneibick (Czechoslovakia); Laurie Miettinen (Finland); Adrian Pauken, (Netherlands); and Dr Bruno Zavli (Italy).—London Express Photo.

South Africans Win Their First Victory Of The Tour

London, May 24. Despite the first disastrous 45 minutes at Lord's today, when the South Africans lost their last five wickets for only eight more runs, they gained their first victory of the tour, beating the MCC by 93 runs with 85 minutes to spare.

This win, coming in their fifth engagement, should inspire the South Africans as well as remind England not to underestimate their ability. Judging by their form in this match, the South Africans gave promise of becoming a really tenacious side in the field.

They have a varied attack in which the spin of Tayfield and Smith is always likely to cause trouble, particularly on a wet or warm pitch.

Admittedly the South Africans' task in this game was rendered much lighter because Hutton was unable to bat for the home side. Consequently, when the MCC were left to make 283 runs in five hours, there never seemed much chance of them hitting off the runs, although they made the highest total of the four innings.

Cheetham placed a sensible field which left few loopholes and the bowlers always received excellent support.

The conditions were easier than when the MCC were dismissed for 87. But once more, those who are considered contenders for places in the England team did little to win the selectors' confidence.

Arturo Soto, 34-year-old Argentinean, making his first visit, showed himself a new threat to professional golf in Britain today with a great 69 in the first round of the 36 holes qualifying test in the Swallow-Penfold £4,000 tournament.

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His score was beaten by only one player—the little known Barrow professional, Harold Eosward, who at 42 played the "game of his life" for a 68 on the same course.

Harry Bradshaw (Portsmouth) led the way on the more difficult Southport and Ainsdale course with a record equalling 69 after some remarkable golf over the last six holes for which he took only 19 strokes.

Bradshaw holed five single puts of distances varying from six feet to 38 feet on the 16th to complete the last six holes in an astonishing four below par (three, two, four, three, four, three).

The second qualifying round will be played tomorrow (Wednesday) and then the top 40 will start afresh in the 72 holes proper at Ainsdale on Thursday and Friday for the £1,000 first prize.—Reuter.

Sir George Thomas, donor of the Thomas Cup—prized trophy for the international badminton tournament—has arrived here to watch the final games of the current series starting tonight.

The 74-year-old President of the International Badminton Federation who has been associated with international badminton for the past 50 years, named England's G. A. Sautter, United States' Dave Freeman and Malaysia's Wong Peng-soon as the three greatest singles players the world has ever seen.—United Press.

Hope was opposed by a burly Negro named Eddie Jenkins from Joe Louis' home town of Detroit. Hope started nervously and lost the first of the three rounds, but he won the second outright, during which he eluded Jenkins with a left hook on the jaw that sent the American reeling to the floor. The crowd was one long roar which, for some reason or other, included several private fights among the spectators at the ringside.

A million-strong television audience was watching. In some of the fiercest and sustained heavy hitting amateur boxing has seen for a long while, Hope rummaged his man and staggered him to the boards again but Jenkins was strong and actually threw the last blow of the fight to Hope's jaw. The Liverpool man won narrowly and he is a

Nichols gained distinction by being the only Britisher who won by a knock-out. He landed a right hook in the third round and his opponent Harry Lansdowner failed to beat the count. Foster, however, won his bout in the first round when the referee stopped the contest after his opponent, Rebebe, had twice been felled for counts of eight and had sustained a badly cut eye. Foster was probably the most marvellous performance of the evening.

The Derby Favourite

ACROPOLIS IS 'LAZYBONES' NO LONGER

Says JAMES PARK

Acropolis is "Lazybones" no longer after a solo run across the Flat in the Newmarket Stakes. "Just like his brother, Alycidon," said Willie Pratt, veteran jockey and trainer.

When the late Walter Earl was taken ill, Pratt was asked to take charge of the horses at Stanley House. The first time Pratt galloped Alycidon he finished last. "You have taken over at the wrong time," he said to himself.

Turning to jockey Doug Smith for confirmation of that view, Pratt was promptly told: "Don't worry. He's always like that at home. You will find a different horse on the racecourse."

And so it was. Alycidon was not beaten after Pratt took over.

IDLE

Acropolis is an own brother to Alycidon and the Newmarket touts have not known what to make of him. Acropolis is not quite the same as his elder brother.

He will go and join his galloping companions, but will not pass them. He was so idle they called him "Lazybones."

Along came the Newmarket Stakes. He frightened them all away except Rowland Ward. Still, one rival was better than none. Or so we thought. How far would Acropolis win? That was the talking point.

He won by something around five minutes, because Rowland Ward decided taking on "Lazybones" was not in his line and ran out.

GUARANTEE

Doug Smith had not realised his solitary rival had left the course, so he kept Acropolis up to the task.

The scene after the race was astonishing. Most people seemed to think Acropolis had merely had a nice canter. I got a shock. My watch said 2 min. 4.28 sec.

Then came the official time—2 min. 4.54 sec. That was just the difference which always separates hand timing and electric timing.

The only criticism I heard was that the colt had not come well down the hill into the Dip and that that would be against him at Epsom. I saw him make a little side-step, as he started the descent, but I did not see him, as others alleged, do the same at the foot of the hill.

I thought it over. In much of his work Acropolis is ridden by the former hurdle-race jockey E. C. Taylor, who not only rides well but has very good hands. I asked his opinion. "He's as handy as a polo pony and I ought to know," said Taylor. I am sure George Colting, who trains Acropolis, will forgive me for that inquiry.

Hugh Lupus, quoted at 21-2 yesterday, was pushed out to 100-1, but at those odds he attracted covering money to win £13,000.

Acropolis remained a strong favourite. He opened at 7-2 but closed at 11-4 after being taken to win £20,000.

True Cavalier was the heaviest-backed horse. He was supported to win £21,000. Although his odds, 100-8, were fractionally longer than yesterday's 100-8, 100-1, but at those odds he attracted covering money to win £21,000.

Others strongly backed were Daemon (£17,000) whose odds were cut from 18-1 to 100-8; French colt Half II (£17,000); Praetorian (£15,000) and Solarium (£15,000) who came down to 28-1.—Reuter.

DAILY WORKER DISAGREES ON ACROPOLIS

London, May 25. Favourite for the Derby, Britain's number one flat-racing event of the season, is Acropolis, owned by Alice, Lady Derby, at odds of 11-4.

Six out of the nine London morning newspapers give this horse as a likely "tip."

The Daily Worker, whose racing correspondent is considered as one of the most knowledgeable, however, gives Daemon.—France-Press.

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Barton-Durelle Bout Ends In A Fiasco

London, May 24.

The British Empire Lightweight Boxing Championship eliminator between unbeaten Ron Barton of Britain and Canadian Champion Yvon Durelle ended in a fiasco at the Royal Albert Hall here tonight.

Durelle was disqualified in the third round by Welsh referee I. K. Powell for a low punch.

Barton, who was not having things all his own way, went down to a terrific right swing to the body. He doubled up on the canvas, grimacing with pain.

Amid a storm of booing the referee ordered Durelle back to his corner and awarded the fight to Barton.—Reuter.

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Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, on Wednesday, 8th
June, 1955, at 3 p.m. for the
purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors,
passing the Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March, 1955,
and electing Directors and
Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1955.

NOTICE

**THE SHEK O COUNTRY
CLUB**

NOTICE IS HEREBY
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General Meeting of THE
SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB
will be held at the Club
House, Shek O, on Wednes-
day, the 8th June, 1955 at
6 p.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Committee for the year ended
31st March, 1955 and to elect
the Committee for the ensuing
year.

Nominations for the new
Committee must be in the
hands of the Secretaries not
later than Wednesday, the
1st June, 1955.

Week-day members are
cordially invited to attend
the Meeting.

Members desirous of attend-
ing the ensuing INFORMAL
COCKTAIL PARTY are
kindly requested to fill in the
Circular already sent to them,
and return it to the under-
signed as soon as possible.

By Order of the General
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Secretaries.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1955.

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1955.

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SOCIETY OF CANTON,
LIMITED**

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that
the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Society will
be held at the Head Office of
the Society, Union Building,
Hong Kong, on Thursday,
26th May 1955 at 11.30 a.m.
to receive the Directors'
Report and the Statement of
Accounts, to declare a
dividend and to transact the
ordinary business of the
Society.

**THE SHARE TRANSFER
BOOKS** of the Society will be
CLOSED from 7th May to 26th
May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
L. B. STONE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Apr., 1955.

NOTICE

**UNION INSURANCE
SOCIETY OF CANTON,
LIMITED**

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given
that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Shareholders of the Society
will be held at the Head Office
of the Society, Union Building,
Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, on Thursday, the
Twenty-sixth day of May
1955 at 11.45 a.m., or so soon
afterwards as the Ordinary
Yearly Meeting, to be held at
11.30 a.m. on that day, shall
have concluded, when the
subjoined resolutions will be
submitted as Ordinary
Resolutions:—

(1) That the Issued Capital of
the Society be increased from
£1,350,000 to
£1,500,000 by the creation
of fifteen thousand new
shares of £10 each.

(2) That:—

(a) It is desirable to
capitalize a sum of One
hundred and fifty thou-
sand pounds being part of
the undivided profits of
the Society standing to
the credit of the Exchange
and Investment Fluctua-
tion Account and accord-
ingly that such sum be
capitalized and applied
in payment in full for
fifteen thousand new
shares of the Society of
Ten Pounds each at par
and that such shares
credited as fully paid up
be distributed amongst
the Shareholders who on
the twenty-sixth day of
May 1955 were registered
Shareholders of the
Society in the proportion
of one new share for
every nine then held
by such Shareholders
respectively and that
the shares so distrib-
uted shall be treated for
all purposes as an in-
crease of the issued
Capital of the Society
held by each Shareholder
and not as income, and
that such shares shall
rank for dividend as from
the first day of January
1955 and shall in all
other respects rank pari
passu with the existing
shares of the Society and
that no fractional certi-
ficates shall be issued but
that shares representing
fractions shall be allotted
to a Trustee to be
nominated by the Direc-
tors upon trust for sale
on such conditions as
they consider expedient,
and the net proceeds of
sale shall be distributed
proportionately amongst
those members who would
otherwise be entitled to
such fractions and in
satisfaction thereof.

(b) The Board of Direc-
tors be hereby authorized
to allot and issue new
Shares for distribution in
the manner and propor-
tions aforesaid.

By Order of the Board,
L. B. STONE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Apr., 1955.

KREMLIN IS ONLY THREAT TO WORLD PEACE

Vienna, May 24.

Mr George Meany, President of the American
Federation of Labour, told the fourth World Con-
gress of the International Confederation of Free
Trade Unions today that "the only threat to
human liberty and world peace are the dictators of
the Kremlin."

Mr Meany addressed the
morning session of the Congress
which was discussing ways and
means free trade unions can
help build a "peaceful and
prosperous world."

He launched an attack against
"neutrality" which he described
as a "luxury" because there is
"no compromise between
liberty and slavery."

NOT ENOUGH

"It is not enough to be not
for communism. We must be
against communism," Mr Meany
said.

Mr Meany's speech was re-
peatedly interrupted by the
applause of some 200 delegates
representing 34,000,000 union
members in 77 countries gathered
here.

Mr Meany criticised India's
Mr K. V. Tripathi, Secretary-
General of the Indian National
Trade Union Congress, who has
favoured peaceful "co-existence"
because "both systems have the
right of existence."

"We must not forget that
the only threat to human
liberty and world peace are the
dictators of the Kremlin," Mr
Meany said.

CAN'T BE NEUTRAL

"No free government can
afford to be neutral or non-
communist. It must be anti-
communist. Likewise, no real
trade union movement can be
neutral toward communism,"
Mr Meany said.

He added, "Let us bear in
mind anything that is anti-
destructive of the freedom of free
labour is a contribution made
in the direction of war."

"The Soviet regime wraps up
in one bundle all the brutalities
of all dictatorial regimes," Mr
Meany said.

He said any shade of colour
of a dictatorial system is the
freedom and the opportunity
of the workers to improve their
standard of living by means of
free trade unions.—United
Press.

Soldier Pawns Borrowed Watch

Sapper Ian Scott of the Royal
Engineers, Argyle Street Camp,
was fined \$100 by Mr T. Creedon
at Kowloon this morning for
unlawful pawnbroking and for giving
false information to the pawnbroker.

Inspector C. L. Smith said
defendant borrowed a wrist
watch from the Camp's cook boy
on May 18 promising to return
it within two hours. However he
took the watch to the On Cheong
pawnshop in Tamkang Road
and pawned it for \$25, at the
same time giving false infor-
mation to the pawnbroker.

Defendant who admitted the
charges, was also ordered to re-
deem the watch, which was to
be returned to the owner.

An Army officer said Scott
had a good military record but
that his personal character was
weak, being easily led astray.
He added that defendant was
due to leave for the United
Kingdom tomorrow.

Port Arthur Protocol Signed

Paris, May 24.

THE Soviet Union and Com-
munist China have com-
pleted formal arrangements
for final withdrawal of Soviet
forces from Port Arthur. Soviet
forces from Port Arthur, Soviet
armed forces will complete
their withdrawal by May 31.

The New China news agency
said a "final protocol" was
signed today by a joint
Chinese-Soviet Military Com-
mission in Port Arthur. Soviet
armed forces will complete
their withdrawal by May 31.

The transfer of all facilities and
installations of the Port
Arthur naval base to Com-
munist China has already
been effected, New China
reported earlier today.

The transfer agreement was
first announced in a Chinese-
Soviet statement last Octo-
ber 12.

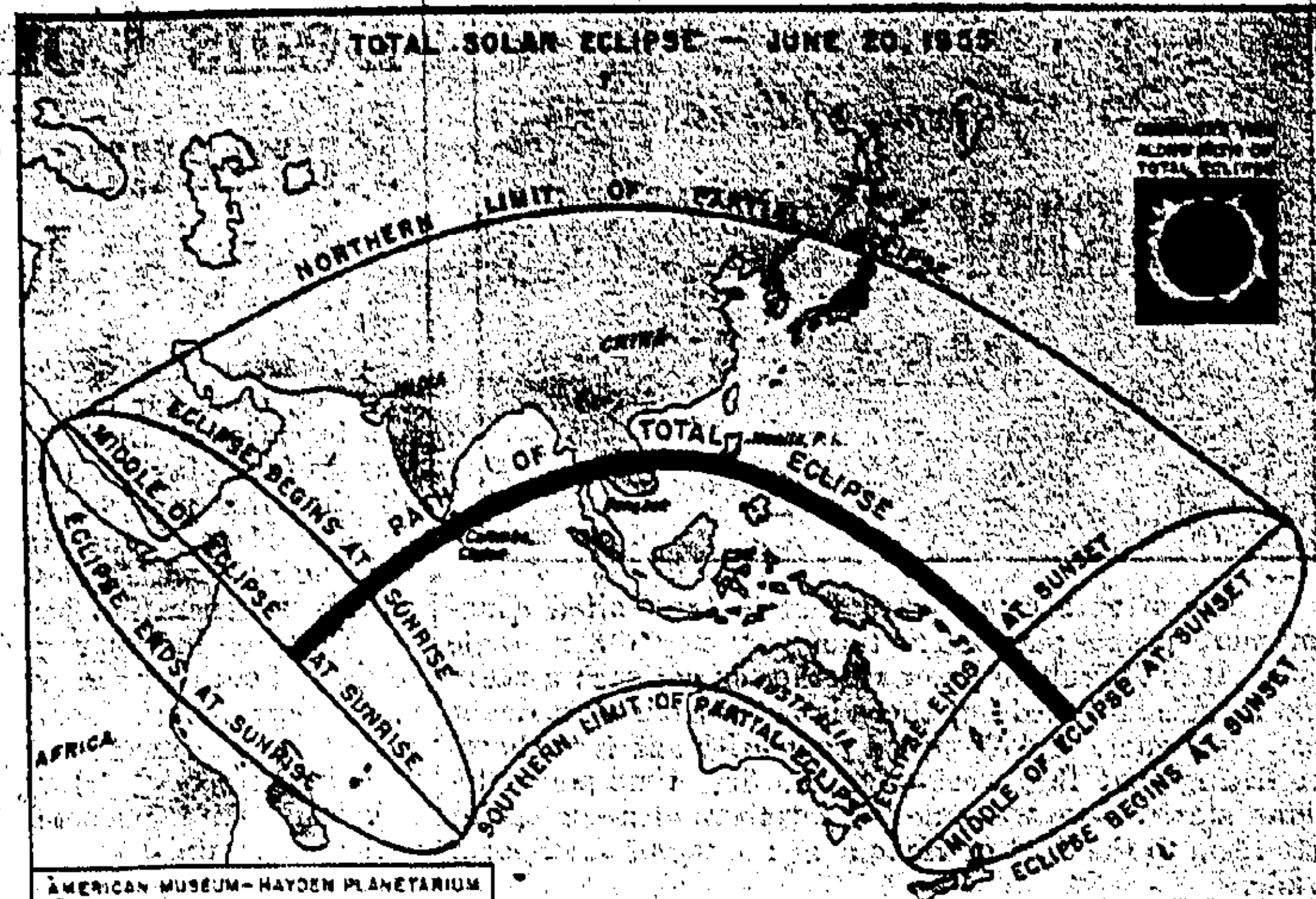
General Teng Hua, acting Chair-
man of the Chinese delegation
to the military commission
said at today's signing cere-
mony that China would "con-
tinue to strengthen the
defence of the naval base of
Port Arthur and heighten our
vigilance at all times so as to
guard against any provocation
and attack from the enemy,"
New China reported.—France-
Presse.

Adelaide, May 24.

A woman suffering an in-
ternal haemorrhage and too
weak to call out, crawled to the
front door of her hut at the
lonely railway camp 520 miles
from Adelaide and fired her
husband's rifle several times to
get help from her only neigh-
bour.

The neighbour phoned
Tarcoola, 50 miles away, and a
railway squad car with a trained
nurse aboard rushed to the camp
to pick up the woman.

From Tarcoola, a Bush Church
Aid aircraft flew the patient 114
miles to hospital at Ceduna.
After an operation she re-
covered.—China Mail Special.



The path along which the sun will be totally eclipsed on June 20 is indicated by a heavy black line. Areas from which the sun will appear partially eclipsed are bounded by lighter black lines.—Photo by American Museum-Hayden Planetarium.

Total Eclipse Of Sun Next Month WILL BE VISIBLE IN HONGKONG

An expedition of astronomers and scientists
from US centres of learning in association with
Trans World Airlines will fly to Ceylon early next
month to study and observe the total solar eclipse
of June 20.

Totality of the eclipse which
will begin at Colombo at about
8.11 a.m. Ceylon Standard
Time is of especial interest to
scientists because of its long
duration—four minutes eleven
seconds over Colombo. The
maximum duration of totality
will be more than 7 minutes.
The eclipse will occur at one point in
the eclipse path. There will not
be an eclipse of longer duration
in this century according to as-
tronomers of the American
Museum-Hayden Planetarium.

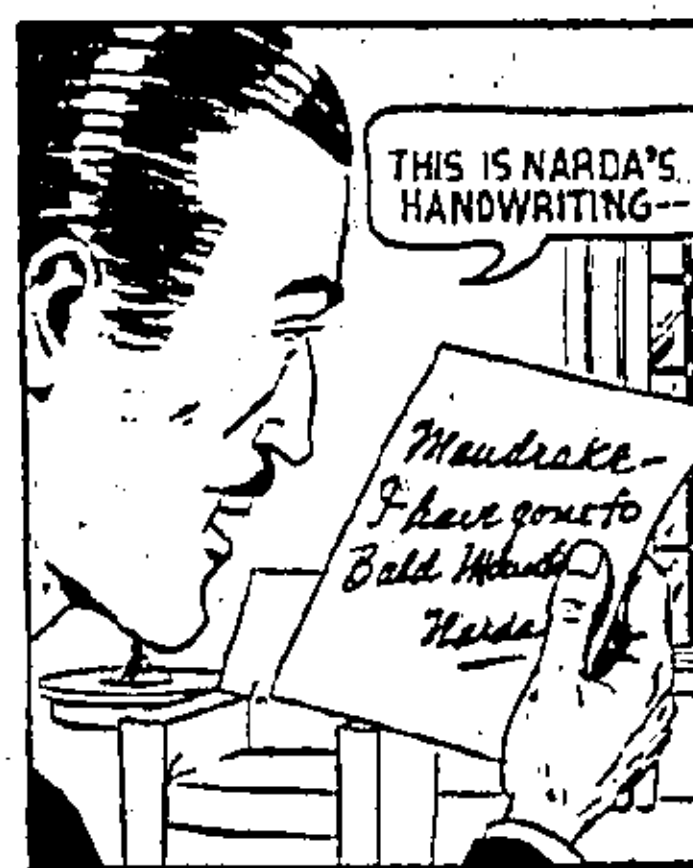
In Hongkong the eclipse will
begin at 11.33 a.m. and will
reach its greatest phase at 1 p.m.
when 79 per cent of the sun's
diameter will become obscured
by the moon. From then on-
wards the darkened portions of
the sun's disc will become pro-
portionally less until the end of
the phenomenon at 2.27 p.m.
1955's eclipse will mark the
longest period of totality in 1,250
years, and will not be exceeded
in length of totality until July 6,
2168. No eclipse will ever
exceed 7 minutes 31 seconds—
the maximum possible.

TWA's continuing studies of
long range weather forecasting
as an aid to flight planning are
expected to be aided by on-the-
spot observation of the eclipse.
Mr E. D. Farthing, the airline's
assistant manager of meteorology
and a member of the expedition,
recently disclosed an important
new development in the science
of weather forecasting based on
a study of certain rays from
the sun. These rays are visible
to the naked eye only during
solar eclipses. The Ceylon dis-
play should provide him with
an exceptionally good opportu-
nity for further study.

TWA has long been associated
with the scientific groups making
up the expedition. In its pro-
gramme of long range weather
forecasting.

The American observers will
be based at Trincomalee on the
east coast of the island and
Sigiriya, inland near the island's
centre. Expeditions from many
other nations including Japan,
Germany, Canada, and England
will observe the eclipse from
Ceylon. The eclipse will not be
visible from any location on the
American continents.

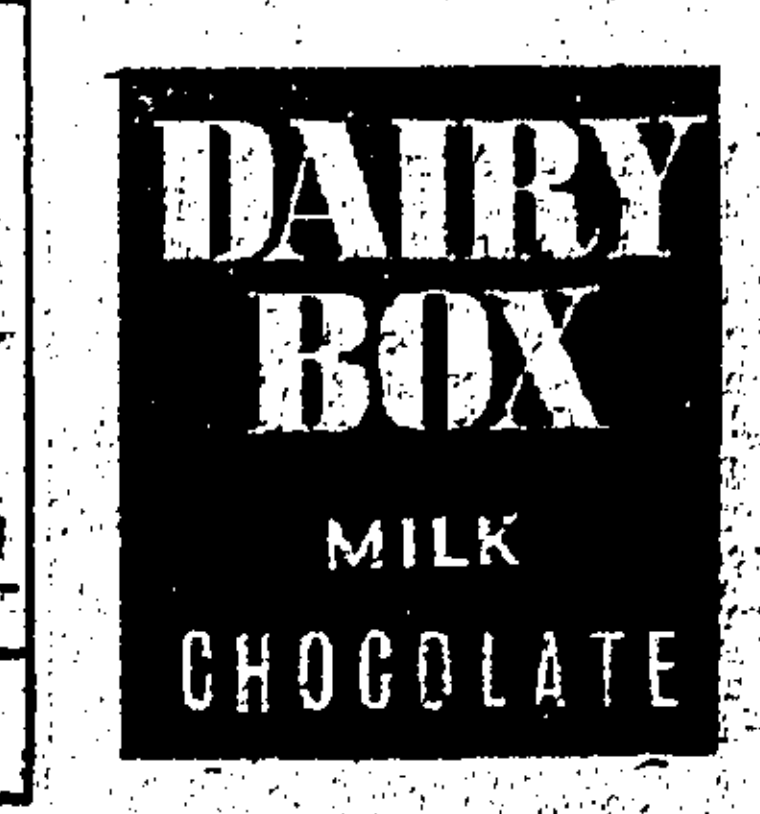
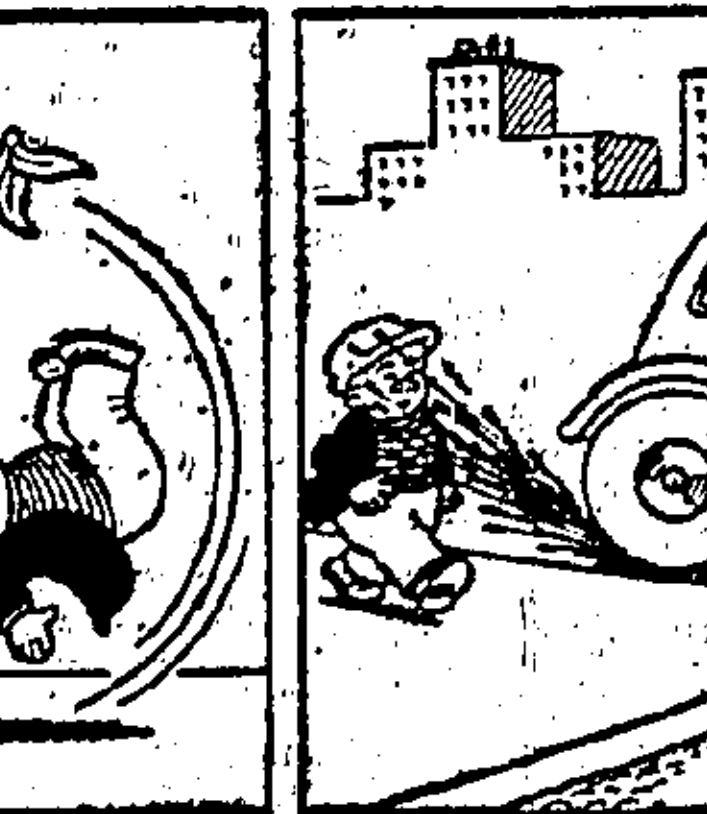
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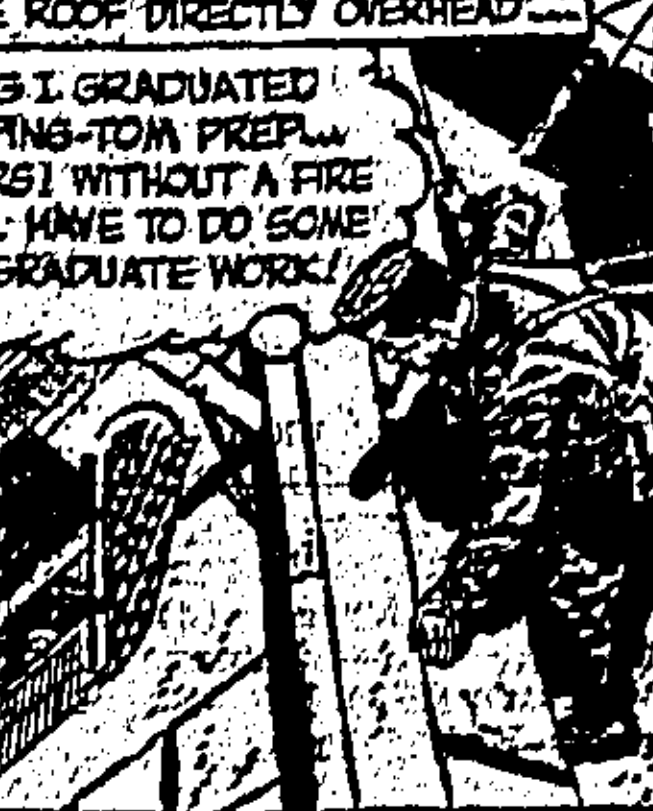
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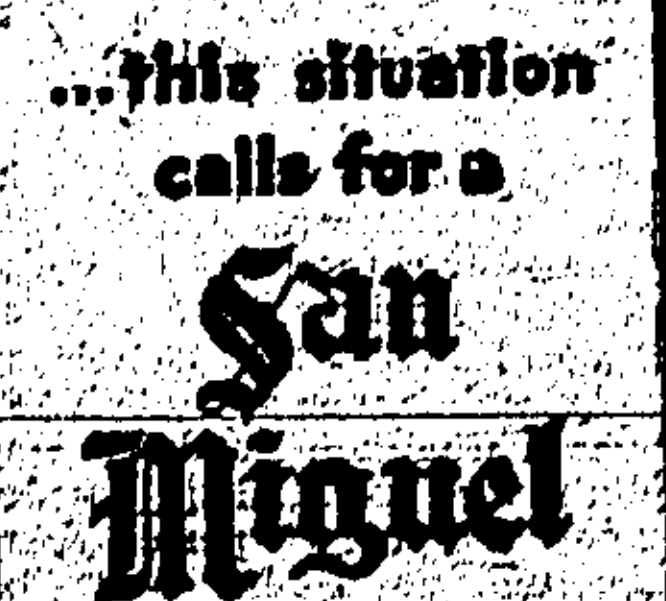
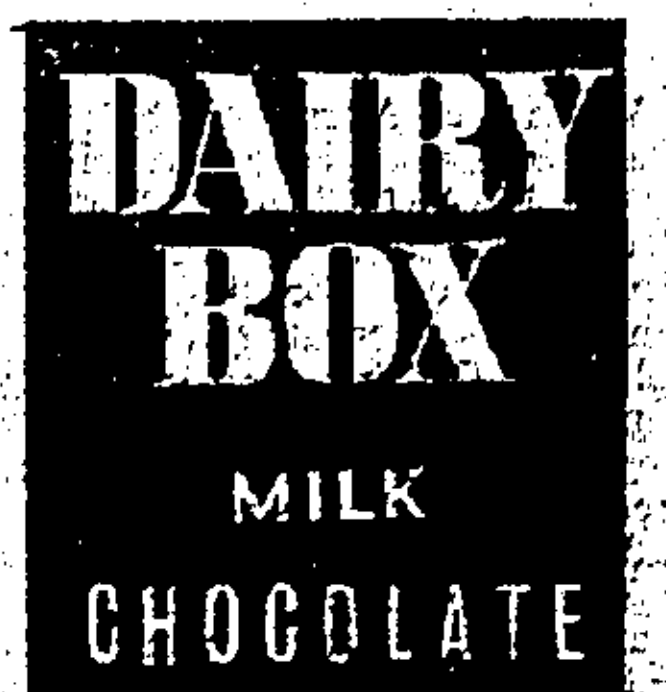


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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
By Air
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAY 26
By Air
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain, &
Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, Noon
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 27
By Air
Thailand, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain, &
Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, Noon
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

BUT NO MEDAL FOR CHARLIE

THIS was the great day, P-day. The P standing for promotion, Charlie's promotion, from stationman on the Underground, to guard. He should have been elated, but clouds of worries obscured the sunshine of his advancement. The halfpenny he had in his pocket was all he had to provide himself and his wife with food until next pay day, and that was still some time off.

For the last time Charlie went to the room at the Underground station that the staff used for rest between duties.

PROCEEDS OF SALE

THE room was empty, but on a wall hung a mackintosh that belonged to London Transport but was on loan to a station-woman. Charlie took the mackintosh from its peg, put it over his arm, and hurried away to a shop, whose owner he knew.

"You can have this for £2," Charlie said.

"Give you £1," the shopkeeper said.

"Done," said Charlie, and went away to buy the evening meal.

But at the station, when the mackintosh was missed, someone recalled having seen Charlie leave with something suspiciously like it over his arm.

A STATEMENT

THE police were told, and at Bow Street next morning Charlie pleaded guilty to the theft. "After his arrest," said the officer in charge of the case to Mr K. J. P. Barracough, the magistrate, "he made a statement."

In his statement Charlie told some of his life-story. How he had worked his way up from being an unskilled labourer on the railway, to his latest promotion.

"I have done everything to make good," Charlie said in his statement. "In the war I was a lance-corporal. I saved an officer's life, and I thought I

should have been decorated, so I've always signed myself since as an MM—for Military Medal."

WORRIES

"HOW much was he earning when this happened?" the magistrate asked. "£7 6s. before deductions," said the officer. "His wife works, too, and she earns £3 15s. a week." The magistrate asked Charlie what he had to say.

"Only that I've always tried to make good," Charlie said. "It was only that I'd only a halfpenny for dinner for myself and my wife."

"But what do you do with your money?"

"Lots of things—odds and ends."

"But you're fit," said the magistrate. "Have you any worries?"

"A few," Charlie answered. "Furniture for one thing."

RUBBING OFF THE CHIP

THE magistrate asked the probation officer to talk to Charlie. When that had been done, the probation officer said: "He's very sorry for himself. Very indignant that he and his wife should have to pay 25s. a week for their room, but that's the average price."

"There's no excessive expenditure in the family, and though they have quite a fair income, they pay only 10s. a week for their furniture."

"I have a feeling a little supervision would be a good thing," said the magistrate. He turned to Charlie. "I think you're in a mess," he said. "If I give you a chance, will you take it?"

Charlie nodded. He was put on probation, and he went away to be given a first instalment of good advice, the first stage in rubbing the chip from his shoulder that had grown there since they failed to pin a medal on his chest.



Every singer dreams of having a hit. Records are made all the time but a hit comes once in a while. The really great stars get to the top of the best selling list quite frequently but the new boy or girl has to have a lot of talent, luck, a good song and good plugging before the peak is reached.

Sometimes it happens that a singer will do all right for a long time, steadily turning out records that make money but very little splash. Then a good tune will do it and a new star is born.

The magic of show business though is when, all of a sudden, a new one rockets to the top. This has happened many times before but hardly ever with such a swoosh as with Fess Parker.

This tall, dark and handsome man made some TV films for Walt Disney. He was cast as Davy Crockett in a series about this old time American pioneer and frontiersman. With the usual Disney efficiency a good tune was put in and the next thing you know it's on top of the hit parade. The "Ballad of Davy Crockett" has been recorded by other singers, including Tennessee Ernie, Bill Hayes, Rusty Draper and Burl Ives but Fess Parker is really in the money.

STARTED A CRAZE

You see, the "Davy Crockett" TV show started off a craze with the kids and all over the States. Small Americans are wearing coonskin caps and buying all sorts of things just so long as they have the "Davy Crockett" tag on them. Fess Parker will share in the wealth this will bring to the Disney treasury just as our old friend William "Hopalong" Boyd did with all the products marketed with his face or name on or around them. So making a hit record is one thing, but making a hit record whilst making a TV show which really catches on is another. The

money rolls in when a singer gets a good disc but when he has his autograph or his picture on a product then he's liable to get swamped. Terrible, isn't it?

Juke Boxes Again

Briefly going back to last week's mention of juke boxes I would like to add that in 1954 there were 1,650 of them shipped from America to various other unfortunate parts of the world. The reader, who said that it was worse when I said there were not many in Hongkong might like to know that Belgium imported the largest percentage of the total, in fact they took over 4,000. In Hongkong there are possibly twenty, and no new ones are coming in. So we are not so badly off.

Face Behind The Voice



MINDY CARSON

Used to be secretary to a candy firm. Paul Whiteman featured her in 1944. Two years later made her short films and broke into TV. Operated at the Copacabana in New York soon after. Now busy with radio, TV and her family. "Largest talent in the firm" has not arrived here yet.

Before leaving the subject there is one little thing you might like to hear about. In Baslestadt, South Africa an African tribesman took his machine around the neighbouring tribes and played a selection of records of tribal music to the crowd he gathered. He came back with his tour with very little cash but quite a lot of live stock. Imagine the feelings of the American stars should they ever have their records used to stock a man's farmyard, although in some cases it would be only right justifying by the names some of them make.

Where They Are...

GISELLE MCKENZIE appeared on a Milton Berle show recently and sang his composition "Not Yet". The sensational thing about that is the fact that the song had already been sung 18 times during the hour-long show. Song plugging with a vengeance.

Is the song a hit, you may ask. Not yet.

GEORGIA GIBBS received a Golden Disc from Mercury for her "Twisted Dee" record. Sold over a million copies and the tune is still not dead.

THE FOUR LADS have just joined the crazy gang by making a record called "The Average Gaffe". You're crazy to be normal in this business!

Record Review

"Tops in Pop"—Mercury are putting out 45 EP discs with four hit tunes on each and among the latest are songs by George C. Jones and The Crewcuts. Miss Georgia Gibbs sings "Twisted Dee". Yours Truly. All Wrong! "Witchamander". "Ballin' the Jack". This is a disc for those who prefer 45's to 78's and who like Miss Gibbs in the bargain. Most people like Miss Gibbs. Glenn Oser and his orchestra back her up. MERCURY EP-4001.

"So Many Memories"—This is the title of a 10" LP of Fatti Page and the songs are old ones. For those of you who only have the hit made by Fatti then I suggest you get hold of this disc. The numbers include "You Go to My Head", "I'll Never Smile Again", "I Didn't Know What Time It Was", "Deep in a Dream". The record is labelled as being "The Fidelity but I have a feeling that the discs were cut on 78's a long time ago. The quality is good and Fatti is, as usual, impeccable. MERCURY MG 2510.

Six Terrorists Killed

Nairobi, May 24. Police and troops killed six terrorists in a battle with a gang of about 80 Mau Mau on a British settler's farm at Nanyuki, 100 miles north of Nairobi. It was announced today.

Police said 200 Mau Mau and four men were captured in addition to the six killed. Security forces also seized a pistol, shotgun and ammunition. Reuter.

New HQ Of Chinese General Chamber Of Commerce Opened By Governor

The magnificent new headquarters of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, situated in Connaught Road Central, were officially opened this morning by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

In the course of his address, Sir Alexander said that trade and commerce today were hedged around with so many barriers and subject to so many different restrictions that he doubted if there had ever been a time when the individual merchant stood in greater need of the collective experience and support of his fellows, co-ordinated and made available through the medium of a Chamber of Commerce.

A large and distinguished gathering was present at the function, including Lady Grantham.

The Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hui Poo-kwok, inviting His Excellency to declare the building open said:

On this memorable occasion of the formal opening of our Chamber's new building, we feel most deeply honoured by Your Excellency's distinguished presence and by your kind consent to perform the opening ceremony. We are especially grateful to you, Lady Grantham, for honouring the occasion with your gracious presence. Your Excellency has at all times taken a keen interest in the commercial and industrial development of Hongkong, and we are both proud and fortunate in having Your Excellency to officiate at this important ceremony of our Chamber. On behalf of the Chamber I also wish to extend to each and every one of you, ladies and gentlemen, a warm and hearty welcome and to thank you all for your kind attendance today.

Our Chamber has a history of almost 60 years. At present our membership consists of 3,000 individual members and over 60 members representing different groups, commercial and industrial associations. Throughout all these years, our Chamber has served as a federation of Chinese merchants in the Colony of Hongkong and has dedicated itself to the development of commerce and industry which leads to the prosperity of the Colony. It has all along enjoyed the staunch support of the Chinese community, being regarded by them as their representative organisation. For this reason the responsibilities assumed by our Chamber are very heavy indeed.

CHANGES IN NAME

During the past 55 years, the name of our Chamber has undergone several changes. At first it was called the "Chinese Commercial Union." Then in 1913, our revered predecessor, the late Hon. Lau Chu-pak, proposed that the organisation be expanded and its name changed to the "Chinese Chamber of Commerce." This name remained in use for fully 40 years. Finally, in 1953, it adopted its present name, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. During this long period of its history, thanks to the united efforts made by the various leaders of the Colony and by the former Chairmen of our Chamber, who worked for the advancement of our activities and the promotion of the welfare of the merchant community, our Chamber has achieved outstanding results.

In 1948, the former Chairman of our Chamber, Mr. Ko Chuk-hung, came forward with his

great proposal for the erection of a new building as the permanent home of our Chamber. Besides making a handsome donation himself, he spared no efforts to translate his dream into a reality. Thanks also to the enthusiastic support and generous donations of our members, we succeeded in raising over one million dollars. We purchased this site and commenced building operations. For five full years we planned and worked on this scheme until last October when we had the satisfaction of seeing the whole building completed. And today we are justly proud and happy to be able at last to hold this grand Opening Ceremony.

HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES

In recent years there has been a considerable expansion of the scope for commercial activities in the Colony. As Hongkong is the famous entrepot in the Far East, and as it is the centre of import and export trade, the enhanced importance of its position in the commercial world is well recognised. The completion of this new building in the history of the chamber is therefore very significant. Consequently the responsibilities which rest upon the members of our Chamber are heavy indeed.

The magnificence of this new building is indisputable. For this we have to thank our architect Mr. I. N. Chou of Messrs. Chau & Lee. We have also to thank the contractors, Messrs. Kai Sun Construction Company, for having completed the building without delay.

Your Excellency, once more I wish to express to you, on behalf of our Chamber, our profound gratitude for the great honour you have done us today by attending this function and performing the opening ceremony. With your inspiration we shall redouble our efforts in a spirit of united solidarity to develop the commerce of Hongkong for the welfare of the whole community. May the commerce of Hongkong flourish and may our Chamber progress from strength to greater strength.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Declaring the new building open, His Excellency the Governor said:

"In the first place I should like to thank you all, on behalf of my wife and myself, for the kind welcome you have extended to us and to assure you that we are very glad to be here today to take part in the formal opening of this fine new building."

"In your speech, Mr. Chairman, you have referred to the long history of your Association and to the various changes in title which have taken place during the past sixty years.

These changes are significant for they record not only the growth in membership and popularity of the Association, but also the development of the functions of the Association from those of a commercial union concerned with furthering the interests of a few merchants to those of a Chinese General Chamber of Commerce concerned with promoting the welfare of the commerce and industry of the Colony as a whole.

"They are also evidence, if indeed evidence is needed, of the remarkable good sense of the Chinese business men who realised so early the advantages that would accrue from a federation of their diverse interests in a common Association. A pooling of knowledge and experience that would lead to the expansion of trade, the opening of new lines, new methods and new markets and thus ultimately to increased prosperity all round."

"In these days we are apt to accept as axiomatic the value of co-ordinated effort in almost any field of human activity but this was hardly the case in 1913, in the heyday of free trade before the First World War, and you do well, Mr. Chairman, to pay your tribute to the wisdom and foresight of your famous predecessors who at that time took the first bold steps in laying your present foundation."

"Since then the example set by these men have been closely followed by their successors while the great changes which have taken place in the pattern of trade relations all over the world have enhanced and emphasised the value of your Chamber and the services it can render to the Chinese business community of Hongkong."

MANY BARRIERS

"Trade and commerce are today hedged round with so many barriers and subject to so many different restrictions that I doubt if there has ever been a time when the individual merchant has stood in greater need of the collective experience and support of his fellows, co-ordinated and made available through the medium of a Chamber of Commerce."

"It is not surprising that you found your old accommodation inadequate to your needs and hampering to your development, but it is in accordance with the best tradition of your Chamber that, having found this was so, you immediately took steps to remedy the position."

"This was a courageous decision to make in view of falling trade and changing markets and you have had to work hard and unceasingly to bring it to a successful conclusion. But you have done so and have provided yourselves with a building that is not only worthy of your name but is also a monument to your confidence and faith in the future of Hongkong."

I congratulate you on your achievement and I wish the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce all the success it deserves in the future.

"I have much pleasure in formally declaring this building open."

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.15. Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Jean (Studio). 6.20. News. 6.25. Talk by Bertrand Russell O.M. No. 2—Some Philosophical Comments (BBC7S). 6.30. "Fleet Flingers" (Radio). 6.35. The Piano (Concert Hall). 7.00. "A Little of Blues" (BBC7S). 7.10. "A Little of Blues" (BBC7S). 7.15. Weather Report. 7.20. News. 7.25. Comment (London Relay) or Special Announcements. 7.30. Gypsy Nights. 7.35. Time Signal. 7.40. Gypsy Nights. 7.45. News. 7.50. "Autumn Song" (BBC7S). 7.55. "Autumn Song" (BBC7S). 8.00. Musical Moments. 8.05. Musical Moments. 8.10. Musical Moments. 8.15. Musical Moments. 8.20. Musical Moments. 8.25. Musical Moments. 8.30. Musical Moments. 8.35. Musical Moments. 8.40. Musical Moments. 8.45. Musical Moments. 8.50. Musical Moments. 8.55. Musical Moments. 9.00. Musical Moments. 9.05. Musical Moments. 9.10. Musical Moments. 9.15. Musical Moments. 9.20. Musical Moments. 9.25. Musical Moments. 9.30. Musical Moments. 9.35. 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